Supply of LPG in Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh

†788.SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is an acute shortage of LPG cylinders in several States for the last some time;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the reasons therefor;

(c) the rural and urban area-wise percentage of consumers of LPG in Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh separately; and

(d) the steps being taken by Government to ensure proper supply of LPG in these States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA J. PATEL): (a), (b) and (d) Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) have reported that at present, there is no overall shortage of LPG in the country and LPG supplies to distributors are being made by the OMCs through indigenous production and imports in accordance with the genuine demand of customers registered with the LPG distributors.

OMCs have supplied 7885.1 Thousand Metric Tonnes (TMT) of domestic LPG in the country during the period April, 2008 to December, 2008 as against 7521.2 TMT of domestic LPG during the corresponding period of last year, showing a growth rate of 4.83%.

As on 19.02.2009, OMCs have reported a backlog of few days in LPG supplies in certain States in the country due to a combination of factors *viz.*, spurt in demand, strike by oil sector officers association, strike by bulk LPG transporters, strikes/bandhs/hartal by various parties in some States etc. Government has advised OMCs to liquidate the backlog in the States by operating the bottling plants on holidays and during extended hours. All the LPG distributors have also been advised to effect the deliveries on Sundays and holidays also. The backlog is expected to be cleared by the end of February, 2009.

(c) The rural and urban area-wise percentage of consumers of LPG in the States of Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh are as under:-

State	%age of LPG customers in urban areas	%age of LPG customers in rural areas
Madhya Pradesh	78	22
Chhattisgarh	72	28

Global and domestic price of petrol product

789. SHRI PRASANTA CHATTERJEE:
SHRI MOHAMMED AMIN:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(a) the global price of crude oil in August, 2004;

(b) the domestic price of petrol, diesel and LPG in August, 2004;

(c) the global price of crude oil as on 28th January, 2009; and

(d) the domestic price of petrol, diesel and LPG as on 29th January, 2009?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA J. PATEL): (a) The average price of the Indian Basket of Crude Oil in August, 2004 was $40.53 per barrel.

(b) The Retail Selling Prices (RSPs) of Petrol, Diesel and Domestic LPG in August, 2004 (at Delhi) were as under:

		RSP (at Delhi)
Petrol	Rs./litre	36.81
Diesel	Rs./litre	24.16
Domestic LPG	Rs./cylinder	261.60

(c) The price of Indian Basket of crude oil on 28th January, 2009 was $42.53 per barrel.

(d) The RSPs of Petrol, Diesel and Domestic LPG as on 29th January, 2009 (at Delhi) were as under:

		RSP (at Delhi)
Petrol	Rs./litre	40.62
Diesel	Rs./litre	30.86
Domestic LPG	Rs./cylinder	279.70*

*After considering subsidy by Delhi State Government of Rs.40/- per cylinder.

PNG supply in Delhi

790. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of applications received by Indraprastha Gas Ltd. for Piped Natural Gas (PNG) pipeline inside the premises of Alaknanda Societies or DDA flats;

(b) the total length of gas pipeline proposed to be laid for the purpose;

(c) what are the reasons for delay in laying the gas pipeline specially when the entire area of Alaknanda does not fall within ambit of Commonwealth Games;

(d) the steps taken to expedite the job; and

(e) by when the work/project would be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA J. PATEL): (a) Indraprastha Gas Limited (IGL) has received 1006 applications from residents for provision of Piped Natural Gas (PNG) connections inside the premises of Alaknanda Societies from November 2008 onwards.